



# NEVADA STUDENT/ PARENT MOCK ELECTION

## Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller

Over 40 million  
have participated  
since the project  
began in 1980.

**2008 Mock  
Election** will be  
carried out with the  
collaboration of  
GOOGLE

In 2004, **over 4 million  
students, parents, and  
teachers** participated in all 50  
states, Washington, D.C., and  
14 countries or territories  
around the world where  
America has schools



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**Want your students to have an  
opportunity to vote in this year's  
2008 Presidential Election?**

Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller, in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Education, is giving students the opportunity to voice their opinion through the National Student/Parent Mock election—the nation's oldest, largest, and most successful voter education project!

Your students can vote on the issues and for the next President through the mock election on October 30, 2008.

Simply register your students, group or school online at [www.nationalmockelection.org](http://www.nationalmockelection.org) or by mail to the National Student/parent Mock Election, P.O. Box 36653, Tucson, AZ 85704.

**Win a pizza party with  
Secretary of State  
Ross Miller!** Simply be  
the school with the  
highest voter turnout!



### **Voter Registration Deadlines:**

**October 3, 2008**  
Last Day to Register  
to Vote by Mail

**October 10, 2008**  
Last day to register  
online

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## It's As Easy as 1 – 2 – 3!

### 1. Enroll your class, school, or group to participate in the election ASAP!

- ✓ Complete a general enrollment form – as a classroom, whole school or unique group. There are three ways to enroll:

**ONLINE:** Visit [www.nationalmockelection.com](http://www.nationalmockelection.com) and click on the “ENROLL NOW” link

**MAIL:** Fill out the enrollment form provided to you and mail it (postmarked no later than Oct. 3, 2008) to:  
National Student/Parent Mock Election  
P.O.Box 36653  
Tucson, AZ 85740

**FAX:** (520) 742 - 3553

- ✓ Upon enrollment, you will receive an email confirmation letter that includes additional details and instructions on the National Mock Election. If you do not receive information within five days from enrollment – email [nspme@aol.com](mailto:nspme@aol.com) to inquire.
- ✓ **Register your group for Web Voting by October 10, 2008.** After you register, you will be asked to select a method of voting that best meet the needs of your group. For security reasons, an additional registration step is required if your group plans to vote using our Web Voting system. Once registered for Web Voting, you will receive a separate confirmation email with passwords and instructions for by *Everyone Counts*.

### 2. In the Classroom:

- ✓ The National Mock Election Headquarters provides free curriculum materials for all grades at: <http://www.nationalmockelection.org/curriculum.html>
- ✓ Contact Kati Keating at the Secretary of State's office if your school is doing something for the Mock Election that is noteworthy!

**EMAIL:** [kkeating@sos.nv.gov](mailto:kkeating@sos.nv.gov)

**PHONE:** (702) 486-2887





### 3. How to Vote

- ✓ Go to [http://www.nationalmockelection.org/state\\_ballots.html](http://www.nationalmockelection.org/state_ballots.html), click on "Nevada" to view and print the state candidates and issues ballot. Make as many copies as you need for your students.
- ✓ Participants **must vote on both** the candidates and the selected national issues for the Mock Election on October 30, 2008.
- ✓ **If you choose not to use Web Voting**, after all your students have cast their votes in the 2008 Mock Election, tally the votes and provide the State Election Headquarters with your total votes. You may email, call in, fax or drop off your vote totals. Don't forget to include your name, school or organization name, city, and state.

**EMAIL:** [shartman@doe.nv.gov](mailto:shartman@doe.nv.gov).

**PHONE:** (775) 687 – 9207

**FAX:** 860-241-3030

**DROP OFF:** State Election Headquarters  
Nevada Department of Education  
Silver Ore Conference Room  
700 E. Fifth St.  
Carson City, NV 89701

### After the 2008 Mock Elections

- ✓ Complete the NSPME Evaluation form and return to Kati Keating by:
  - EMAIL:** [kkeating@sos.nv.gov](mailto:kkeating@sos.nv.gov)
  - FAX:** (702) 486-0927
  - MAIL:** Nevada Student/Parent Mock Election  
c/o Nevada Secretary of State  
101 North Carson Street Ste. 3  
Carson City, NV 89701
- ✓ Several organizations offer awards for outstanding voter education projects through NSMPE. If you are interested in completing an application for an NSPME Award, please contact Kati Keating, [kkeating@sos.nv.gov](mailto:kkeating@sos.nv.gov), or Stephanie Hartman, [shartman@doe.nv.gov](mailto:shartman@doe.nv.gov), for the application.



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## Top 10 Reasons to Participate in the Mock Election

10. It's your responsibility! Voting is the cornerstone of democracy. The power and responsibility of governing lies upon every citizen; your vote is your power.
9. Because it's fun and way more interesting than reading from your textbook!
8. If you don't vote, you're not allowed to celebrate the Fourth of July. Honest!
7. It's your education. Your vote influences the local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets.
6. It's a chance to have your voice heard!
5. If you don't vote, someone else will, and then you can't complain if things aren't going your way! Our government was designed for citizen participation, so if you don't vote - other people are going to make the decisions for you.
4. It's your right! Young people, women and underrepresented groups all fought hard for the right to vote. And even today there are countries where people are still suffering for the right to vote.
3. Bust the stereotype! "Young people are lazy; they don't care; they won't vote." That's what *they* say. Prove them wrong.
2. Election Day is the one day each year when everyone in the U.S. is EQUAL. Your vote counts just as much as anyone else's.
1. If your school wins the Highest Voter Turnout Contest (based on percentage of voters), **your school or class will win a Pizza Party with Secretary of State Ross Miller and a NASS Medallion Award!**



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## Resources for Teaching the 2008 Election

These are just a few of the many free resources available online!

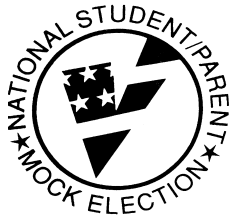
- ✓ Constitutional Rights Foundation: Election Central  
[http://www.crf-usa.org/election\\_central/election\\_central.htm](http://www.crf-usa.org/election_central/election_central.htm)
- ✓ C-SPAN Classroom: Campaign Resources  
[http://www.c-spanclassroom.org/Campaign2008\\_Resources.aspx](http://www.c-spanclassroom.org/Campaign2008_Resources.aspx)
- ✓ The Democracy Project: PBS Kids Go! (Primarily for Grades 3 – 8)  
<http://pbskids.org/democracy/>
- ✓ HotChalk from NBC  
<http://www.hotchalk.com/mydesk/>
- ✓ L.A. Times Interactive 2008 Election Map  
<http://www.latimes.com/news/la-votemap,0,4432952.htmlstory>
- ✓ Lesson Plans Page  
<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/Elections.htm>
- ✓ New York Times Learning Network  
[http://www.nytimes.com/learning/issues\\_in\\_depth/20080204.html](http://www.nytimes.com/learning/issues_in_depth/20080204.html)
- ✓ PBS TeacherLine - includes Podcasts!  
<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/>
- ✓ Scholastic News Online  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008.htm>



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# The National Student/Parent Mock Election Enrollment Form

## Enrollment Form for Individuals, Schools, and School Districts

**NOTE: It is important to answer all the questions on this form. Thank you for your help.**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION: I will be participating in the NSPME primarily as a:**

- ☐ Classroom teacher conducting a mock election
- ☐ School mock election coordinator
- ☐ District mock election coordinator
- ☐ Home School
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

My work telephone: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

My work fax: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

My work mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

My work street address \_\_\_\_\_ (If different from above)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to fill out the following as they apply to you and your role in the NSPME 2008 to the best of your knowledge.**

Name of your school \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your principal \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your school district \_\_\_\_\_

School City \_\_\_\_\_ School State \_\_\_\_\_ School Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School County \_\_\_\_\_

Name of superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title of school coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title of district coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

My home telephone (optional): Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate, if you can, how many of your students are likely to vote in the mock election? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the National Student/Parent Mock Election? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If you prefer to receive information at home, please add your home contact information.**

Home Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: National Student/Parent Mock Election, P.O. Box 36653, Tucson, AZ 85740**  
**Fax: (520) 742-3553 or enroll on the Web at: <http://www.nationalmockelection.org>**

# NEVADA STUDENT/PARENT MOCK ELECTION

## Evaluation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many students voted in the mock election: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use the curriculum provided on the NSPME website? If so, did you find it helpful?

What activities did your students/school do, if any, to prepare for the Mock Election?





Are you likely to participate in future Mock Elections? Explain.

Suggestions:

Please mail or email this form after the completion of the Mock Election:

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c/o Nevada Secretary of State  
101 North Carson St., Suite 3  
Carson City, NV 89701

Email: [kkeating@sos.nv.gov](mailto:kkeating@sos.nv.gov)